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DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131

I, Robert George Gilde, citizen of the United States of America and resident of the state of Washington, declare:

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I, the undersigned inventor, declare that all statements herein made of my own knowledge are true and that all statements are made on information and belief and are believed to be true, and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that any such willful false

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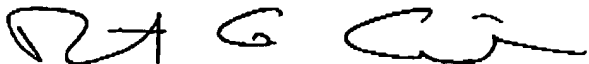
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